

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

1. (Currently amended) A suspension device, comprising:
a base member; and
a clamping assembly mounted for sliding movement relative to the base member in a direction along a path and adapted to clamp an item wherein the clamping assembly and the base member include surfaces that limit travel of the clamping assembly relative to the base member along the path direction.
2. (Original) The suspension device of claim 1, wherein the base member comprises a housing.
3. (Original) The suspension device of claim 2, wherein the clamping assembly includes a first clamping member and a second clamping member movable with respect to the first clamping member.
4. (Original) The suspension device of claim 3, wherein the second clamping member is pivotable between first and second angular limits with respect to the first clamping member.

5. (Currently amended) ~~The suspension device of claim 3,~~ A suspension device, comprising:
a base member comprising a housing; and
a clamping assembly mounted for sliding movement relative to the base member and adapted to clamp an item wherein the clamping assembly includes a first clamping member and a second clamping member movable with respect to the first clamping member and wherein the second clamping member is pivotable between first and second angular limits with respect to the first clamping member wherein the first and second angular limits comprise zero and thirty degrees, respectively.

6. (Original) The suspension device of claim 3, wherein the housing includes a mounting member, side walls extending from the mounting member and defining a channel within which the clamping assembly is disposed.

7. (Original) The suspension device of claim 6, wherein the clamping assembly is slidable along a linear path with respect to the housing.

8. (Currently amended) ~~The suspension device of claim 6,~~ A suspension device, comprising:
a base member comprising a housing; and
a clamping assembly mounted for sliding movement relative to the base member and adapted to clamp an item wherein the clamping assembly includes a first clamping member and a second clamping member movable with respect to the first clamping member and wherein the housing includes a mounting member, side walls extending from the mounting member and defining a channel within which the clamping assembly is disposed and further including a tab extending into the channel and a cam surface carried by the second clamping member wherein the cam surface contacts the tab and pivots the second clamping member with respect to the first clamping member when the clamping assembly is moved toward an extreme position.

9. (Currently amended) ~~The suspension device of claim 3,~~ A suspension device,
comprising:

a base member comprising a housing; and
a clamping assembly mounted for sliding movement relative to the base
member and adapted to clamp an item wherein the clamping assembly includes a first
clamping member and a second clamping member movable with respect to the first clamping
member and wherein the second clamping member includes a flexible guide rail disposed in
an elongate recess in the housing wherein the flexible guide rail causes the second clamping
member to exert a clamping force on the first clamping member.

10. (Currently amended) ~~The suspension device of claim 3,~~ A suspension device,
comprising:

a base member comprising a housing; and
a clamping assembly mounted for sliding movement relative to the base
member and adapted to clamp an item wherein the clamping assembly includes a first
clamping member and a second clamping member movable with respect to the first clamping
member and wherein the second clamping member includes a pin pivotally mounted to the
first clamping member, an arm portion, and a stop member engageable with the first
clamping member.

11. (Original) The suspension device of claim 10, wherein the arm portion
contacts the first clamping member when the second clamping member is moved to a first
position and wherein the stop member contacts the first clamping member when the second
clamping member is moved to a second position.

12. (Original) The suspension device of claim 10, wherein the arm portion
includes an elongate flange with first and second grooves and first and second jaw portions
depending from the elongate flange.

13. (Currently amended) The suspension device of claim 12, wherein the elongate flange and the first and second jaw portions surround a top portion of the first clamping member when the first clamping member is moved to the first position.

14. (Original) The suspension device of claim 3, in combination with an item clamped between the first clamping member and the second clamping member.

15. (Original) The suspension device of claim 14, wherein the item comprises a thermoplastic pouch.

16. (Currently amended) ~~The suspension device of claim 14,~~ A suspension device, comprising:
a base member comprising a housing; and
a clamping assembly mounted for sliding movement relative to the base member and adapted to clamp an item wherein the clamping assembly includes a first clamping member and a second clamping member movable with respect to the first clamping member and in combination with an item clamped between the first clamping member and the second clamping member and wherein the first clamping member includes an elongate body having a grasping portion disposed at one end thereof and a guide portion disposed at another end thereof.

17. (Original) The suspension device of claim 16, wherein the guide portion includes a pair of guide members.

18. (Original) The suspension device of claim 1, wherein the clamping assembly includes a guide portion in sliding engagement with the base member.

19. (Currently amended) ~~The suspension device of claim 1,~~ A suspension device,
comprising:

a base member; and

a clamping assembly mounted for sliding movement relative to the base
member and adapted to clamp an item wherein the base member includes two pairs of
elongate recesses and the clamping assembly includes two pairs of guide members disposed
and guided within the elongate recesses.

20. (Currently amended) A suspension device for a pouch, comprising:

a housing;

a clamping assembly slidable along a linear path with respect to the housing
and having a first clamping member and a second clamping member wherein the second
clamping member is movable with respect to the first clamping member and adapted to clamp
the pouch therebetween; and

a flexible guide rail extending from a side of the second clamping member
wherein the flexible guide rail is pivotable about a longitudinal axis of the second clamping
member.

21. (Original) The suspension device of claim 20, wherein the housing includes a
mounting member.

22. (Original) The suspension device of claim 20, wherein the housing includes
first and second side walls.

23. (Currently amended) ~~The suspension of claim 22,~~ A suspension device for a pouch, comprising:

a housing having a mounting member and first and second side walls;

a clamping assembly slidable along a linear path with respect to the housing and having a first clamping member and a second clamping member wherein the second clamping member is movable with respect to the first clamping member and adapted to clamp the pouch therebetween wherein each of the first and the second side walls includes two elongate recesses.

24. (Currently amended) ~~The suspension of claim 20,~~ A suspension device for a pouch, comprising:

a housing;

a clamping assembly slidable along a linear path with respect to the housing and having a first clamping member and a second clamping member wherein the second clamping member is movable with respect to the first clamping member and adapted to clamp the pouch therebetween wherein the first clamping member includes an elongate body having a grasping portion disposed at one end thereof and a guide portion disposed at another end thereof.

25. (Original) The suspension device of claim 24, wherein the guide portion includes a pair of guide rails.

26. (Currently amended) The suspension device of claim 24, in combination with a pouch wherein the pouch is suspended between the elongate body and the second clamping member.

27. (Currently amended) The suspension device of claim 26, wherein the pouch includes an open end and wherein the open end is closed between the first and second clamping members.

28. (Currently amended) ~~The suspension device of claim 20,~~ A suspension device for a pouch, comprising:

a housing;

a clamping assembly slidable along a linear path with respect to the housing and having a first clamping member and a second clamping member wherein the second clamping member is movable with respect to the first clamping member and adapted to clamp the pouch therebetween wherein the second clamping member includes a pin pivotally mounted to the first clamping member, and an arm portion and a stop member engageable with the first clamping member.

29. (Original) The suspension device of claim 28, wherein the arm portion contacts the first clamping member when the second clamping member is moved to a first position and wherein the stop member contacts that first clamping member when the second clamping member is moved to a second position.

30. (Original) The suspension device of claim 29, wherein the arm portion includes an elongate flange with first and second grooves and first and second jaw portions depending from the elongate flange.

31. (Original) The suspension device of claim 30, wherein the elongate flange and the first and second jaw portions surround a top portion of the first clamping member when the first clamping member is moved to the first position.

32. (Original) The suspension device of claim 28, wherein the second clamping member is pivotable through a range of motion of about thirty degrees with respect to the first clamping member.

33. (Currently amended) A suspension device for a pouch, comprising:
a housing having a pair of first, second and third elongate recesses;
a clamping assembly slidable along a linear path with respect to the housing;
wherein the clamping assembly comprises a first clamping member and a guide portion
comprising first and second pairs of guide members deposited in the second and third pairs of
elongate recesses; and
a second clamping member comprising a flexible guide rail disposed in the
first elongate recesses.

34. (Original) The suspension device of claim 33, wherein the mounting member
includes at least three support slots and is attached to a surface.

35. (Currently amended) The suspension device of claim ~~33~~ 34, wherein the
surface is a cabinet or a shelf.

36. (Currently amended) The suspension device of claim 33, in combination with
a pouch wherein the second clamping member closes onto the first clamping member with
the pouch suspended therebetween.

37. (Original) The suspension device of claim 33, wherein the arm portion
includes an elongate flange and a pair of first and second jaw portions.

38. (Original) The suspension device of claim 33, wherein the first pair of
elongate recesses comprises flanges or rails and wherein the flanges or rails comprise sloped
portions.

39. (Original) The suspension device of claim 38, wherein the flexible guide rail
comprises first and second flexible portions and wherein the first and second flexible
portions slide along the sloped portions and flex a first and second distance into the first
elongate recesses.

40. (Original) The suspension device of claim 33, wherein the housing includes first and second sidewalls.

41. (Currently amended) The suspension device of claim 33, wherein the second clamping member further comprises a pin [[,]] and a stop member having a cam surface and a stop surface.

42. (Original) The suspension device of claim 41, wherein the guide portion further includes first and second openings with a pin deposited therein.

43. (Original) The suspension device of claim 41, wherein the cam surface contacts the housing in a first position.

44. (Original) The suspension device of claim 41, wherein the housing comprises a tab adjacent to the cam surface in a second position.

45. (Original) The suspension device of claim 41, wherein the stop member restricts the movement from a first angular limit to a second angular limit between the first clamping member and second clamping member.

46. (Original) The suspension device of claim 45, wherein first and second angular limits comprise zero and thirty degrees, respectively.

47. (Currently amended) A method for suspending a pouch, the method comprising the steps of:

providing a clamping assembly mounted for sliding movement ~~in~~ along a track of a housing and having first and second clamping members adapted to clamp the pouch;

outwardly sliding the clamping assembly relative to the housing wherein a cam surface of the second clamping member engages a portion of the housing thereby pivoting the second clamping member away from the first clamping member and thus opening the clamping assembly;

placing the pouch in the clamping assembly; and

simultaneously closing and sliding the clamping assembly into the housing such that the pouch is suspended from the clamping assembly.

48. (Currently amended) The method of claim 47, wherein the step of placing the pouch in the clamping assembly includes the step of moving the second clamping member into engagement with the first clamping member while the pouch is disposed therebetween.

49. (Currently amended) ~~The method of claim 47,~~ A method for suspending a pouch, the method comprising the steps of:

providing a clamping assembly mounted for sliding movement in a housing and adapted to clamp the pouch;

opening the clamping assembly;

placing the pouch in the clamping assembly; and

simultaneously closing and sliding the clamping assembly into the housing such that the pouch is suspended from the clamping assembly wherein the housing includes a channel within which the clamping assembly extends wherein the clamping assembly includes first and second clamping ~~member~~ members and wherein the step of opening the clamping assembly includes the step of moving a cam surface of the second clamping member into engagement with a tab of the housing.

50. (Original) The method of claim 49, wherein the second clamping member includes an arm portion and a stop surface wherein the step of opening includes the step of displacing the clamping member from a first position at which the arm portion is in contact with the first clamping member to a second position at which the stop surface is in contact with the first clamping member.

51. (Original) The method of claim 47, wherein the step of simultaneously closing and sliding includes the step of moving the clamping assembly along a linear path with respect to the housing.

52. (Original) The method of claim 47, wherein the step of simultaneously closing and sliding further includes the step of engaging a first guide surface of the housing with a second guide surface of the clamping assembly.

53. (Currently amended) ~~The method of claim 52,~~ A method for suspending a pouch, the method comprising the steps of:
providing a clamping assembly mounted for sliding movement in a housing
and adapted to clamp the pouch;
opening the clamping assembly;
placing the pouch in the clamping assembly; and
simultaneously closing and sliding the clamping assembly into the housing
such that the pouch is suspended from the clamping assembly wherein the step of
simultaneously closing and sliding further includes the step of engaging a first guide surface
of the housing with a second guide surface of the clamping assembly and wherein the step of engaging includes the step of guiding a pair of guide rails of the clamping assembly in a pair of elongate recesses of the housing.